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Knapp Perry, of Pottersville, Warren Co., Pa., died last week. He was drafted from his place of residence. He was about consummating a marriage engagement and the intelligence of his being drafted so affected his affianced as to cause her serious illness. This so worked upon Mr. P's mind as to terminate in fearful derangement and death.

Four companies of negro soldiers belonging to the regiment which has been organizing at St. Louis under the direction of Colonel Pile, left for the South on the steamer Metropolitan on Thursday last. Five more companies of the same regiment follow in a few days. Another regiment of Col. Piles, brigade, (colored,) the 5th, is organizing at Keokuk, Iowa.

Hon. Sherrard Clemens publishes a card in the Wheeling (W. V.) papers, declaring that under no circumstances will he accept a nomination for Congress.

Notwithstanding the caution given to the public, that some expert manipulators were making a lucrative trade of changing the denominations of green backs from smaller to larger amounts, we hear of people in different localities being duped and cheated for want of a little care.

Le Temps, of Paris, says, the Emperor of Austria will authorize the Archduke to accept, provided that the new Emperor of Mexico is placed, by treaty, under the protection of the principal Powers.

Henry C. Emerson and J. C. Athey, arrested by the Potomac flotilla as blockade runners, were committed to the Old Capitol on Monday afternoon.

F. Volek, a native of Bavaria, Germany, but for several years a resident of Richmond, has been authorized to proceed to Europe, and superintend the execution of the proposed statue of "Stonewall" Jackson. After the death of Jackson, Mr. Volek took a very faithful bust of the face, and it is from this the features will be moulded.

At a meeting of Chaplains held at Bealeton on the 22d instant, it was voted that a Convention of Chaplains of the Army of the Potomac be called to meet at the Chapel tent of the Christian Commission, at Bealeton, Virginia, on Saturday, the 29th of August, at ten o'clock, a. m.

Hereafter all passes to visit the Army of the Potomac, by whatsoever authority granted, must be countersigned by Lieutenant Colonel J. S. Conrad, A. D. C., before they will be recognized as valid.

The following parties have been sent to the Old Capitol prison as suspicious persons, viz: Thomas R. Dudman, H. N. Clagett, L. Clagett, James Gray and James Smith, arrested at Muddy Branch, Va.; also Lewis L. Poats, a deserter from the Thirteenth Virginia infantry.

On the 21st instant, George Coard, a negro, was hung at Snow Hill, Md., for outraging the person of a white woman. The execution was witnessed by about 1,200 persons.

Col. Charles Carroll Hicks, of Nicaragua fame, who abandoned the Confederacy some time ago, was on Monday released from the Old Capitol prison, after an imprisonment of one hundred and ninety days.

The novelty in the theatrical world is a "ghost," which is made to "resemble a natural ghost," if any one knows what the natural appearance of such an unnatural object ought to be. The ghost on the stage is an optical illusion, produced by means of a strong reflected light.

Another of the accepted substitutes in Washington has been discovered to be a deserter—one Charles Mans. On his person was found \$500 in Treasury notes, besides the sum he received as a substitute. He was placed in close confinement.

A court of inquiry has been appointed to investigate the circumstances attending the loss by theft of a large sum of public money in the hands of Major McFarland, pay department.

Rev. H. M. Butler, the head master of Harrow school, (England,) has issued an order that the side trousers pockets of the scholars shall in future be dispensed with; his reason for the prohibition being that the boys continually had their hands in these pockets, and thereby contracted a lounging and stooping habit.

The U. S. gunboat Nippon, off Cape Fear river, on the 29th ult., drove ashore and afterwards destroyed the British steamer Hebe, which was attempting to run the blockade with an assorted cargo for the Confederates.—A boat's crew of the Nippon, who boarded the steamer after she went ashore, were captured by the Confederates.

The Richmond Whig of the 21st, received by flag of truce at Fortress Monroe, discusses the probable continuance of the war. It comes to the conclusion that the loss of Vicksburg and the failure at Gettysburg will have the effect of continuing it indefinitely, unless foreign intervention can be secured, or the democrats in the North can be successful. It calls for the aid of France.

The steamship City of Baltimore, from Queenstown on the 13th, brings one day's later advices. The statement of the London Times that troops were to be sent from England to reinforce the forces in Canada, is denied. It is announced from several quarters, that the Archduke Maximilian will accept the Mexican throne. The London and Paris journals discuss probabilities connected with this statement, at length.

The Pay Department has made arrangements by which paymasters will hereafter be assigned to particular descriptions of troops, instead of some of them, as now, attending to all kinds in the service. This will facilitate the disbursements.

The largest number of applications for land under the homestead law are in Wisconsin, Michigan, Kansas and Washington Territory. The revenue from the public domain is scarcely more than nominal. No additional lands will be immediately advertised for sale.

Some particulars of the explosion of the steamer City of Madison, at Vicksburg, have been received at Cincinnati. The steamer was being loaded with ammunition, and had received nearly a full load, when a negro carrying a percussion shell on board let it fall, causing an instant explosion. The boat took fire, which was communicated to the ammunition on board. The steamer was entirely destroyed. Out of one hundred and sixty men on board only four are known to have escaped.

Mayor Opdyke of New York, has sent in to the Council his veto of the three million exemption ordinance. He proposes to provide for the exemption of only policemen, actual firemen, and active militiamen who may be drafted, and to provide for destitute families of citizens who may also be drafted.

The English frigate Rinaldo sailed from Hampton Roads yesterday for Bermuda, and from there she is ordered to Halifax. This is the first time for a year and a half there has not been one or more English frigates in Hampton Roads.

A tornado, on Friday last, swept over Buena Vista, Wisconsin, and blew down every house in the place. Three persons were killed and fourteen wounded.

The Salem (Mass.) Post Office was broken open on Sunday night and every letter in it stolen.

The office of the United States Express Company, at St. Louis, was robbed of nearly sixty thousand dollars last Sunday night.

Dr. John S. Bartlett, formerly proprietor and editor of The Albion newspaper, published in New York, died at his residence in Middletown Point, N. J., on Sunday last, aged 73 years. He was President of the St. George's Society in 1847, and for thirty-nine years a member.

John F. Kinney, formerly of Nebraska, has been chosen a Delegate to Congress from Utah. He is a native of New York, practised law in Ohio and Iowa, and went to Utah as Associate Justice in 1854, taking his family with him.

Americans in Germany to the number of about one hundred recently assembled at a banquet at Hamburg to celebrate the federal victories. Ex-Governor Wright, of Indiana, presided, assisted by Ex-Governor Dyer of Rhode Island.

An effort was made a few days ago at Key West to blow up the U. S. sloop-of-war Dale by drifting a torpedo under the bows of the vessel. The machine was secured, but not till three men belonging to the Dale were killed, and two wounded.

And old toper out West says the two most precious things now included in hoops are girls and kegs of whisky.